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OF CHLOROTRIFLUOROETHYLENE

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2001, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period for responding is extended by the attached petition. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments without prejudice.

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 as follows. Attached is a marked-up copy showing changes to the claims.

7 **Claim 1 (Amended).** A process for the synthesis of chlorotrifluoroethylene (PCTFE) (co)polymers, containing at least 80% by moles of CTFE, the complement to 100 being one or more fluorinated monomers, in the presence of a reaction medium, a fluorinated surfactant and an initiator, characterized in that the reaction medium comprises (per)fluoropolyoxyalkylene microemulsions wherein the fluorinated surfactant is salified with sodium and/or potassium and potassium and/or sodium persulphate as inorganic initiator,